

The State of Maryland To Philemon Darnes Esquire Greeting  
Be it known that reposing special Trust and Confidence in your Fidelity Courage good  
Conduct and Attachment to the Liberties of America you are by those Powers constituted  
and Appointed Ensign to Captain John Darnes's Company of Militia  
in the Twentieth Battalion

You are therefore carefully and Diligently to discharge the Trust reposed in you by  
Disciplining all Officers and Soldiers under your Command and they are hereby enjoined and  
required to Obey you as their Ensign. And you are to Observe and Follow all  
such Orders and Directions as you shall from time to time receive according to the Laws and  
Constitution of this State and the Rules and Regulations which under the Authority thereof are  
or may be Established

This Commission to be in Force until Lawfully revoked

Given at Annapolis the 29.<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1777.

*M. S. S. S.*



Being about to move for Baltimore Town, and as  
 it will be attended with too much Inconvenience to attend  
 Military Duty in Queen Anne County, Oblige me to  
 Resign this my Commission as Ensign & Capt. John  
 (James) Company -

John Downes  
 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1779

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